

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4944  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LILONGWE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y T A G S A N D S U B J

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS PFOR, PDIP, ZA, ET, SO  
SUBJ: GRZ OUSTS AN ELF

REF: LUSAKA 0012 (NOTAL)

1. FEBRUARY 3 PRESS REPORTS THAT GRZ HOME MINISTER  
AARON MILNER CONFIRMED FEB 2 THAT DR. HABTE TESTAMA OF  
THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM  
ZAMBIA. MILNER DECLINED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE ACTION.

2. THE PRESS ACCOUNT NOTES THAT THE PRECEDING WEEK THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ANNOUNCED THE DISASSOCIATION  
OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT FROM A STATEMENT BY TESTAMA  
IN LUSAKA THAT ELF HAD LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT  
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AFRICAN APATHY TO THE ERITREAN PROBLEM. A FOREIGN  
MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DREW ATTENTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
MWALE'S ADMONITION TO FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO ABSTAIN  
FROM ATTACKS WHILE IN ZAMBIA ON COUNTRIES WITH WHICH  
ZAMBIA ENJOYED FRIENDLY RELATIONS (REFTEL).

COMMENT: TESTAMA'S STATEMENT MIGHT WELL HAVE GONE

UNNOTICED EXCEPT THAT IT WAS MADE WHILE ZAMBIA WAS  
HOSTING A SERIES OF OAU MEETINGS AND AS HOST COUNTRY  
WOULD BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ANY OFFENSE GIVEN TO ATTENDING  
DELEGATES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE EMBASSY IS AWARE  
OF THAT THE GRZ HAS TAKEN ACTION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
NEW YEAR'S ADMONITION THAT FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES NOT  
MAKE ZAMBIA THE BASE FOR AN ATTACK ON A THIRD COUNTRY.  
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